



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
NORTH PACIFIC DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
P.O. BOX 2870  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

CENPD-PM-MP (200-1a)

09 MAY 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR

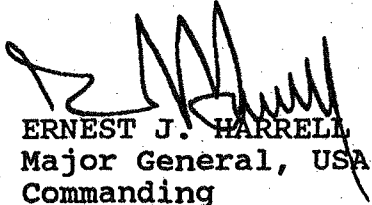
✓ Commander, Seattle District

Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Division,  
ATTN: CEHND-PM-E, P.O. Box 1600, Huntsville, AL 35807-4301

SUBJECT: Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly-  
Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS); Inventory Project Report (INPR),  
for Site F10WA024200, Argo Redistribution Center, Seattle, King  
County, Washington

1. This memorandum approves the no further action (NOFA)  
recommendation for subject site.
2. I request that:
  - a. CENPS, within 60 days of the date of this memorandum,  
notify the landowner(s) of the decision and provide copies of the  
notification letter(s) to CEMP-RF, CEHND-ED-PM, and this office.
  - b. CEHND file this INPR and update the inventory database.
3. CENPD-PM-MP POC for this matter is Mr. Moon-Yong Han,  
FTS 423-7361, com (503) 326-7361.

Encl

  
ERNEST J. HARRELL  
Major General, USA  
Commanding

CF w/encl:  
CEMP-RF



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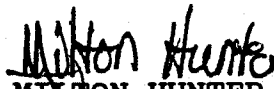
CENPS-EN-GT-HW (200-1a)

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, U.S. Army Engineer Division, North  
Pacific, ATTN: CENPD-PM-MP, P.O. BOX 2870,  
Portland, Oregon 97208-2870

SUBJECT: Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly  
Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS) Inventory Project Report (INPR)  
for Site No. F10WA024200, Argo Redistribution Center, Seattle,  
King County, Washington.

1. The enclosed INPR presents the DERP-FUDS Preliminary Assessment (PA) for the former Argo Redistribution Center. A site visit was conducted on 9 November 1990. The site survey summary sheet and site map are included in the INPR.
2. We have determined that the site was formerly used by the Army. A recommended Findings and Determination of Eligibility (FDE) is included in the INPR.
3. Also, we have determined that there is no potential for hazardous waste at the site which would be eligible for cleanup under DERP-FUDS, and that no further investigation at the site is warranted.
4. We recommend:
  - a. No further action (NOFA) be taken on this site.
  - b. Approval and signing the Findings and Determination of Eligibility (FDE).
  - c. Forwarding a copy of this INPR to CEHND for the PA file.

Encl  
as

  
MILTON HUNTER  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
Commanding

SITE SURVEY SUMMARY SHEET  
FOR  
DERP-FUDS SITE NO. F10WA024200  
ARGO REDISTRIBUTION CENTER  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
NOVEMBER 1990

**SITE NAME:** Argo Redistribution Center (also Argo Redistribution Site or the Argo Yard).

**LOCATION:** The site is located south of downtown Seattle, King County, Washington, and is bounded by Delaware Avenue, Fourth Avenue South, Dawson Street and First Avenue South (see attached map).

**SITE HISTORY:** A total of 31.99 acres was acquired under three permits (7.72 acres) and four leases (24.27 acres) for use by the Army as an open storage yard and redistribution center. One permit covering 1.23 acres was acquired from the city of Seattle in 1943. Two additional permits covering 6.49 acres were later obtained from the city of Seattle and four leases covering 24.27 acres were acquired from the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company, et al. Seattle District realty records do not contain acquisition dates for the other leases and permits. Improvements to the site included construction of a carpenter shop with an oil-fired space heater, a guard tower, and water and electrical systems. Railroad tracks ran through the site were presumably used to transport materials and supplies.

The site was declared excess between 1945 and 1947. All leases were cancelled in 1946. A portion of the site, including the right of ingress and egress over the railroad tracks, was out-leased to the Alaska Railroad from January to August 1947 for the storage of railroad cars. The out-lease also covered the previously described improvements on the site. The permits were terminated in 1948. Currently, the property has various owners and is utilized for a variety of purposes including warehousing, manufacturing, retailing, and office space.

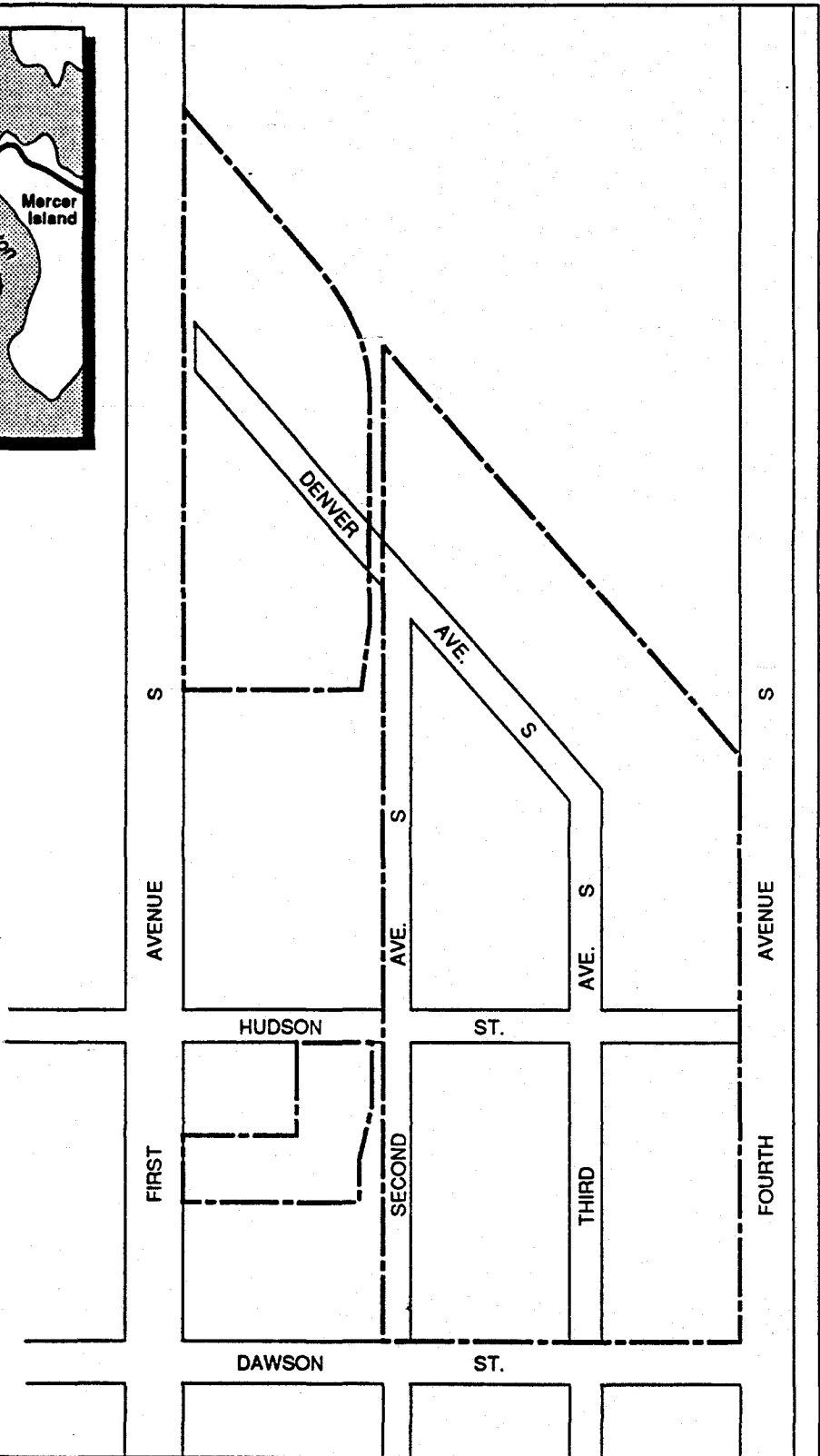
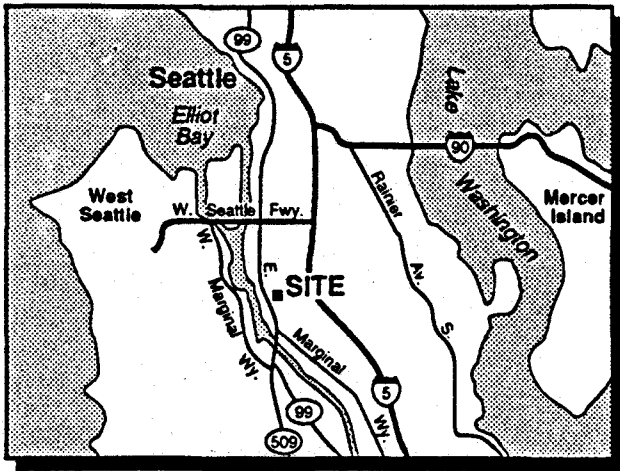
**SITE VISIT:** On 9 November 1990, Lori Morris and Kristen Nielsen of Shapiro and Associates, Inc., under contract to the Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, conducted a site visit. The site can be reached via any of the streets on its perimeter. The site is developed with warehouse and related facilities; there is no evidence of former military use. Names of all persons contacted and photos of the site are in the project file.

**CATEGORY OF HAZARD:** None.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** No project is proposed.

**AVAILABLE STUDIES AND REPORTS:** None.

**SEATTLE DISTRICT POC:** Jonathan A. Maas, CENPS-EN-GT-HW, (206) 764-6745.



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LEGEND:

----- PROPERTY BOUNDARY

**SITE VICINITY & LOCATION  
ARGO REDISTRIBUTION SITE  
PROJECT NO. F10WA024200**

**SHAPIRO &  
ASSOCIATES**

**DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL  
RESTORATION PROGRAM**

DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM  
FOR FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES  
FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

ARGO REDISTRIBUTION CENTER  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

SITE NO. F10WA024200


FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A total of 31.99 acres were acquired by the War Department beginning in 1943. One permit covering 1.23 acres was acquired from the city of Seattle on 28 October 1943. Two implied permits covering 6.49 acres were acquired from the city and four leases covering 24.27 acres were acquired from the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company, et al. Seattle District realty records do not contain lease acquisition dates.
2. The property was used by the Army as an open storage yard and redistribution center. Improvements to the site included construction of a carpenter shop with an oil-fired space heater, a guard tower, and water and electrical systems. Railroad tracks ran through the site.
2. The facility was declared excess in stages between 1945 and 1947. The leases, covering 24.27 acres, were cancelled between 15 June 1946 and 30 November 1946. Permits covering the remaining 7.72 acres were terminated 18 June 1948. Currently, the property has various owners and is utilized for a variety of purposes including warehousing, manufacturing, retailing, and office space.

DETERMINATION

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, this site has been determined to be formerly used by the Department of Defense. It is therefore eligible for the Defense Environmental Restoration Program - Formerly Used Defense Sites, established under 10 USC 2701 et seq.

9 May 91  
DATE

  
ERNEST J. HARRELL  
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